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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 6, relative to safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(a), is amended by deleting the punctuation and words ", or attending to its other physiological needs".

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(a), is amended by designating the amended language of the subsection as subdivision "(a)(1)" and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subdivision "(a)(2)":

(2) Any person transporting any child, between four (4) and eight (8) years of age who weighs less than eighty (80) pounds, in a motor vehicle upon a road, street or highway of Tennessee is responsible for providing for the protection of the child and properly using a child passenger booster-seat restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(g), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 55-9-603, any person transporting any child, between four (4) and eight (8) years of age who weighs eighty (80) pounds or more, or any child, between eight (8) and fifteen (15) years of age, in a passenger motor vehicle upon a road, street or highway of Tennessee is responsible for the protection of the child and properly using a passenger restraint system, including safety belts, meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(g), is further amended by deleting subdivision (5).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and by substituting instead the following:

(a) No person shall operate a passenger motor vehicle in this state unless such person and all passengers are restrained by safety belts or, as the case may be, are otherwise restrained in compliance with the provisions of § 55-9-602 at all times the vehicle is in forward motion.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

(1) The provisions of this section shall apply only to the operator and all passengers occupying the front seat of a passenger motor vehicle and to all children, twelve (12) years of age and under, occupying a passenger motor vehicle.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.